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FROM EAGLEBURGER FOR HILLENBRAND AND BETTS

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SUBJECT: CZECH HOCKEY PLAYERS

REF: STATE 175261 AND BONN 12030

1. WE ARE INFORMED THAT FOUR REPEAT FOUR CZECH HOCKEY PLAYERS, ONE WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN WILL DEFECT IN MUNICH THIS WEEKEND. THE GROUP PLANS TO ARRIVE AT THE U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL IN MUNICH BETWEEN THE HOURS OF MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY, JULY 31, AND 0200 HOURS ON SUNDAY AUGUST 1. DEPARTMENT HAS STATED THAT EITHER CG BETTS OR POLITICAL OFFICER GILMORE WILL BE PRESENT TO MEET THE GROUP AND TO EXPLAIN WHAT STEPS THEY NEED TO TAKE TO

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APPLY FOR ASYLUM IN THE U.S, IF INDEED THAT IS THEIR

DESIRE.

2. FYI ONLY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE PLAYERS WISH TO
SEEK ASYLUM IN THE U.S., POSSIBLY TO PLAY WITH A
PROFESSIONAL U.S. HOCKEY TEAM. END FYI

3. FRG AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THE GROUP'S
DEFECTION AFTER IT TAKES PLACE AND OF THE GROUP'S
DESIRES WITH REGARD TO ASYLUM.
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